

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-5, 15-16, 18-21, 26, and 30 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 15, and 26 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 15, and 26.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-5, 15-16, 18-21, 26, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,693,661 (“Vanderwilt”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,317,141 (“Pavley”) and U.S. Patent No. 5,649,186 (“Ferguson”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness “...the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations.” (*See* MPEP §2143.03). Further, “all words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art.” (*See* MPEP §2143.03). The Applicant respectfully asserts that the references, when combined, fail to teach or suggest all the limitations of independent claims 1, 15, and 26.

Specifically, the Examiner has admitted that neither Vanderwilt nor Pavley teach or suggest “updating the presentation in a manner transparent to a user viewing the remote display operatively connected to the client and wherein the content of the selected thumbnail is modified in a manner that is transparent to a user viewing the presentation.” (*See* Office Action mailed October 6, 2005, p. 4). Thus, Vanderwilt and Pavley do not teach or suggest the limitations

recited in the amended independent claims. Further, the Applicant respectfully asserts that Ferguson does not teach that which Vanderwilt and Pavley lack.

Specifically, the portion of claim 1, upon which the Examiner asserts is taught by Ferguson, includes the following limitations:

wherein one of the series of thumbnails is selected and content of the selected thumbnail is modified while presenting a presentation to obtain a modified thumbnail, wherein the presentation is updated to include the modified thumbnail in a manner transparent to a user viewing a remote display operatively connected to the client, and
wherein the content of the selected thumbnail is a modified in manner that is transparent to a user viewing the presentation

The above limitations require, in part, (i) a presentation including a series of thumbnails; (ii) the selection of one of the thumbnails in the presentation; and (iii) modification of the selected thumbnail. Further, step (iii) requires the following: (i) the selected thumbnail is modified *while* presenting the presentation and (ii) the selected thumbnail is modified in a manner transparent to the user viewing the presentation.

Turning to the rejection, the Examiner has asserted that the transparent modification of the master topics file taught in Ferguson is equivalent to the transparently modifying the content of the thumbnail as recited in the claims. The Applicant respectfully disagrees. A review of Ferguson reveals that the master topics file corresponds to a file containing a number of command strings, where the command strings are used to query an information repository. (*See* Ferguson, col. 6, l. 46- col. 7, l. 22). The master topics file is never included as part of a presentation nor it is ever viewed by the end-user. Rather, the master topics file resides in the background and is solely used to store command strings. Accordingly, the transparent modification of the master topics file corresponds to transparently modifying the command strings in the master topics file.

In order for the teachings in Ferguson to render the above limitations obvious, the master topics file must be construed to be equivalent to a thumbnail. From the above teachings, it is clear that the master topics file is not equivalent to a thumbnail. Specifically, there is only *one* master topics file, while the claims explicitly require there to be a series of thumbnails. Further, the master topics file is not part of a presentation (*i.e.*, it is not viewed by the user). In contrast, the claims, as a threshold matter, require the selection of one of a series of thumbnails, where the series of thumbnails together make up the presentation. Said another way, the thumbnails (*i.e.*, the items being transparently modified) are viewed by the user of the presentation. Because the master topics file cannot be reasonably construed to be a thumbnail, it is irrelevant that it can be modified transparently. Accordingly, Ferguson fails to teach that which Vanderwilt and Pavley lack.

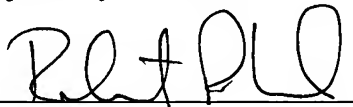
In view of the above, none of the aforementioned referenced, whether considered separately or in combination, teach or suggest the invention recited in the pending independent claims. Accordingly, the pending independent claims are patentable over the aforementioned references. Dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 16159/033001; P6181).

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